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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: DI PIETRO, Juan C.

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Title: ADAPTOR DEVICE FOR DOMESTIC SHOOTING PRACTICE WITH  
LARGE-CALIBRE HAND-GUNS.

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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The Honourable Commissioner of  
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Sir:

Transmitted hereinunder is a response to the official action mailed on 24 February 2003.

Please enter the following amendments:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please cancel figures 2-3 and 5-6, renumber figures 4 and 7-12 as figures 2 and 3-8, respectively, and add reference numerals to renumbered figures 2-3 and 6 per the marked up copies.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please, change the title to "Large-Calibre Gun Indoor Shooting Practice Device".

From page 8, lines 19 to 22: substitute the entire paragraph by the following:  
"Figure 5 shows a first embodiment of a rear tube of the adaptor device for the revolver of figure 4."

On page 9, line 8: delete "forward" and insert instead --rear--.

On page 10, line 13: delete "latter" and insert instead --bore 15--.

On page 11, line 17: before "before" insert --out--.

On page 12, line 4: before "grooves" insert --rifling--.

On page 12: delete paragraph between lines 5-16 and insert instead -- Figure 4 shows a liner tube 183' similar to the liner tube 183 of figure 3 but with a plastics rear end attachment 205 which is particularly useful for revolver practice, notwithstanding it may be used with pistol liner tubes 183. The plastics rear end attachment is embodied by a short length of tube 205 made of a material known as "DELRIN". The length of the liner tube 183' is such that the rear end 205 is at a scarce distance, advantageously in the order of a few tenths of a millimeter, from the forward end of the cylinder of the revolver (not illustrated), practically abutting against the forcing cone of the revolver barrel

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- when the liner tube 183' is inside the revolver barrel and immobilized by the nut 197 expanding the sleeve 203. Use of the plastics rear-end attachment 205 provides for a quieter shot in revolvers. No accessory tools are needed for loading and unloading the pellet 43. --.

On page 13, line 2: after "gun" insert --cylinder--.

On page 13, line 4: delete "outket" and insert instead --outlet--.

On page 13, line 5: delete "forward" and insert instead --rear--.

On page 13, line 18: delete "barrel" and insert instead --cannon 207--.

On page 13, line 19: delete "barrel" and insert instead --cannon 207--.

On page 13, line 27: delete "does not let the tube get" and insert instead --stops the cannon 207 from getting--.

On page 13, line 32: delete " 27' " and insert instead --27--.

On page 13, line 34: delete " 27' " and insert instead --27--.

On page 14, line 3: delete "receptacles" and insert instead --chambers--.

On page 14, line 30: delete "enough room is made" and insert instead --the exact headspace is shaped for that a particular revolver --.

On page 14, line 34: after "calibre" and insert --and different gunmakers and models--.

On page 15, line 3: delete "33" and insert instead --35--.

On page 15, line 10: delete "may operate as an adaptor alone" and insert instead --operates as an adaptor--.

On page 15, line 11: delete "or".

On page 16, line 1: delete "tube 155" and insert instead—tube 215--.

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-3, 6, 8-12 and 16 as follows:

1. (amended) An adaptor device for firing a gun of a predetermined calibre loaded with a missile of a reduced calibre suitable for target practice, said gun including a rifled barrel with a large-calibre interior diameter, a firing chamber of a similar diameter and axially aligned with said barrel and designed to hold a standard-calibre ammunition round and firing means including a firing pin for impinging into the rear part of said chamber for firing the gun, wherein the adaptor device includes an elongated tubular casing [(11)] having an external shape generally approximating or replicating said standard calibre ammunition round, said casing having: